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LVMPD Releases Educational Component of its New Traffic Response Change

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department released a new Public Service Announcement today informing people that it will no longer respond to non-injury vehicle accidents.

The 30-second PSA will begin running this week and will be available on <u>LVMPD's YouTube channel</u>. A fact sheet has also been posted on <u>www.lvmpd.com</u> answering some of the most commonly asked questions about the new traffic response changes.

LVMPD officials announced Monday its officers will no longer respond to traffic accidents where there is property damage only. The change was prompted by the rising number of fatalities on the roads for three consecutive years. Officers freed up from documenting accidents for insurance purposes will now focus their efforts on stepping up enforcement efforts—a tried and true method of reducing fatalities.

The public will also have a chance to talk to traffic officers and get additional answers not covered on LVMPD's information sheet during next week's upcoming First Tuesday on March 4, being held at neighborhood area commands throughout the Las Vegas Valley at 7 p.m. LVMPD Traffic officers will be on hand toward the end of the regularly scheduled First Tuesday meeting to give details and answer questions.

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